

Robert Maheu, the former \$520,000-a-year chief executive officer for the late Howard Hughes, has signed a contract with the Viking Press to tell his life story. His collaborator will be Gerold Frank, author of a number of autobiographies and books on crime and international events.

In Memphis, James Earl Ray's \$3 million libel suit against Mr. Frank and two other writers, George McMillan and William Bradford Huie, was dismissed yesterday in Federal District Court. Mr. Ray, in prison as the confessed killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., charged that the writers had misquoted him in "Hollywoodish" articles.

Where does former intelligence agency operative Robert Maheu live these days?



Maheu is a retired FBI agent and former confidant of Howard Hughes who in the early '60s put CIA officials in touch with organized crime figures willing to attempt the assassination of Fidel Castro. He recently underwent surgery for cancer and is building a casino in Las Vegas. Nearly 20 years after his role in the Castro affair, Maheu says he respects the dictator's philosophical consistencies but still loathes his politics.

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